# THERE WAS NO GAME

RAIN PREVENTED RICHMOND AND READING FROM PLAYING BALL.

FOUR MEN RELEASED YESTERDAY.

Berte, Marr, Stultz, and Mazen: Turned Loose, and Paddy Boyle Signed to Play the Short Field-Norfolk Couldn't Play.

Richmond-Rending-Rain. Norfolk-Laneaster-Rain. Paterson, S: Philadelphia, 6. Hartford, 6; Newark, 5.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY. Lancaster at Philadelphia. Reading at Paterson.

Hartford at Newark. TO-MORROW'S LAYOUT. Richmond at Norfolk. Newark at Philadelphia.

Paterson at Lancaster. Hartford at Reading.

CLUBS.

Rain broke up the game between Richmond and Reading yesterday afternoon, and though about 200 cranks ventured out



In the hopes of seeing a game, the weather was too damp for play, and neither of the teams went out on the diamond.

The Reading club left at 7:15 o'clock for Paterson, N. J., where they will play this aftern on, and the Blughirds will go to of the lo-morring midding to wrestle with the Clams for the next three games. The Birdlings will come back here on

Thursday for three more games with Norfolk, and hence they will be up War to the Knife Declared by the taken the trouble to investigate against it hard during the entire week. The Norfolk lads will have all the best of it in the first series of games, as the should be. The infield is especially weak, but it is being strengthened gradually. and there is at least a probability that condition by the first of next week.

FOUR MEN RELEASED. signed Paddy Boyle, a crack shortstop, who will join the club in Norfolk. Boyle will strengthen the infield somewhat, and club is still weak at second bag, and a good, strong outfield, who can hit and play his territory, in needed to take

All the teams in the Atlantic League are paying salaries in excess of the limit fixed



(Who Looks After Centre Garden.) at the New York meeting, and it is time A cheap team cannot compete with high-priced men with any degree of success that has been demonstrated beyond ques-tion, and the occasion demands that President Bradley and Manager Wells shall put their heads together and do

centage of the games played during the with us, and then the successful results were due almost entirely to the effective work of local pitchers.

TEAM IS WEAK AT THE BAT. tuted, is weak at the bat, and the men



what inferior, and the company in the Atlantic League is just a little mite too fast for him. Schabel and Foster are all right as catchers, and the pitchers are first-class in every respect. With Wells, Eberfeld. Boyle, and another good man, the infield will be equal to any in the company which Pichment is Richmond is expected to keep, and a good man to keep company with Elsey and Hargrove, will make the outfield par

RICHMOND MUST KEEP IN THE GAME. The patrons of the game expect Rich-The pairons of the game expect Richmond to keep up near the top in the race for the pennant, and have a right to expect that the weak spots will be strengthened. In getting Boyle, Messrs, Bradley and Wells have made a good move, but they should not stop there. Two other places need strengthening, and the sooner good men are brought here the better will the public be satisfied, and the more con-

be sacrificed in the shake up, as they are good men, personally, and favorites with a large class of rooters, but they are not capable of holding their own against the fast company in this feasue. Berie's hitting, or tack of hitting, operates against hitting, or tack of hitting, operates against the hitting, or tack of hitting, operates against hitting, or tack of hitting, operates against the hitting, or tack of hitting, operates against hitting, or tack of hitting, operates against the hitting the hitting that hitting him, and Marr's inability to throw caused his release.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BALL. Several Games Postponed on Ac-

count of Wet Grounds.

QUAKERS WIN. PHILADELPHIA, May L-Philadelphia won from Brooklyn to-day in a ten-inning won from Brooklyn to-day in a ten-inning game, the latter half of which was played in the rain. The game was interesting, and the finish quite exciting. Attendance, 9.737. Score: R. H. E. Philadelphia ... 0110000001-3102 Brooklyn ... 001100100-281 Batteries: Taylor and Clements; Kennedy and Grim. Umpire-Mr. Emslie. Time of game-2 hours and 40 minutes.

WEATHER CHILLING.

game-2 hours.
SOX GLORIOUS. 

CINCINNATI, O., May 1.—Cincinnati-Pittsburg game postponed. Wet grounds.

Called in the Eighth.

BEDFORD CITY, May 1.—(Special.)— The game between McCabe's School and Randolph-Macon Academy this afternoon was called in the eighth inning on ac-count of rain. Academy, 2; McCabe, 6. They Didn't Play.

STAUNTON, VA., May 1.—(Special.)— Rain to-day prevented the game between the University of Virginia and Washing-ten and Lee University base-ball teams. No Game at Norfolk.

NORPOLK, VA., May 1.—(Special.)— There was no game to-day, owing to rain,

ATTACK ON BOWDEN.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—A delegation he says:

THE PROTOCOL. of 100 Republicans from the Second Congressional District of Virginia, head by Hon. John S. Wise and Dr. Richard with a knowledge of the deep intere A. Wise, the contesting member of Con- you manifest in everything affecting the gress, and including Messrs. Martin and foreign relations of the United Stat Libbey, the delegates to the St. Louis convention, came here to-day, and protested against the recognition of Na-Lest night Manager Well's released tional-Committeeman Bowden in the Berte, Marr, Stultz, and Mazena, and patronage of the State. They made a signed Paddy Boyle, a crack shortstep, vigorous attack on Mr. Bowden's followers, characterized them as a disor-ganized, treacherous, and turbulent ele-ment, and asked that the patronage of the district be given to Mr. Wise, announcing that they would not compromise with the Bowden faction. In a numerously-signed petition, they charged fraud in the elections, and that the National-Committeeman had lost caste, personally and politically.

#### Let the People Say.

Richmond, Va., May 1, 1897. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

As a citizen, I have always been opposed to seiling the City Gas-Works to any individual or private corporation. This question, however, is one in which the people are the benediciaries or the losera, and, in all justice, it should be left for them to decide.

If our Legislature, in its wisdom, saw fit to enact a law requiring the Council to submit questions of this kind to the people, why should our Council hesitate to let the voters give their own decision at the May election?

CITIZEN. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Bomb-Throwers Sentenced.

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BARCELONA, May I.—Twenty-six Anarchists, in addition to those airready sentenced, have been condemned to death for compilicity in the bomb outrage of June 7th lest, the feast of Corpus Christi, when a dynamite bomb was thrown into the midst of a procession, which was on its way to the Church of Santa Maria del Mar, killing a dozen persons outright, and wounding about fifty others, some of whom have since died from the injuries received upon that occasion.

WASHINGTON, May I.—Applications for appointments have been filed in the Treasury Department as follows: Joseph Curly, as Supervising Inspector of Steam Vessels at Norfolk, Va., and H. M. Hughes at St. Augustine, Pla.; G. W. Alien, as Collector of Customs at Key Went, Fla., and W. E. Northrup at Pensacola, Fla.; J. J. Caylor, as Collector of Internal Revenue at Atlanta, Ga.

LIMA. via GALVESTON, TEX., May 1.
A violent and protracted earthquake disturbance. lasting about one minute, caused great alarm here at 2 o'clock this morning. All the church-bdls were tolled to call the people to prayer, as a serious disaster was apprehended. The shocks were also felt in the suburbs of this city. No loss of life or serious damage has yet been reported.

President did not accede to my suggestion that he permit causes involving the rights of American citizens to be registred to a consular court, but said he would provide mixed courts in American colonies or settlements, such as are being established in his territory, and grant exemption from duty for ten years to new enterprises established by American citizens.

"He asks the removal or substantial

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, May 1.—Captain Edward Murphy, formerly of the American steamer Laurada, was arrested at Port Antonio yesterday, on his arrival there from New York, by order of the Jamaica Government, on the charge of filibustering. He will be tried on Thursday next.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 1.—The ballot for United States Senator to-day resulted as follows: Call. 22; Chipley, 23; Rancy, II; Hocker, 5; Burford, I. Total vote cast, 72; necessary to a choice, 37. Call's friends tried to stampede the Assembly, but failed.

A Rubning Race That Drew. MANCHENIER, ENGLAND, May 1.— W. T. Downer beat E. C. Bredin by six yard4 to-day in a quarter-mile run. Time, 95-8 seconds. The meeting of the two now price.

### DOMINICAN TREATY.

GENERAL GRANT'S GREAT SCHEME ABOUT TO BE REALIZED.

SAMANA BAY COALING STATION.

Ex-Minister Smythe-Washington News Notes-Rain Prevents Ball-Playing-"5plders" Disappointed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1 .- (Special.)-Hon, Henry M. Smythe, our Minister to Haiti and Charge d'Affaires to San Domingo, was about to give the Departfidence will they have in the team.

It is a pity that Berte and Marr had to ment of State the features of a protocol which he had substantially agreed upon name, his resignation was accepted. Mr. Smythe had returned from his post, which he was forced to leave on account of yellow-fever, on sick leave, granted by the department. When he called recently to pay his respects, Mr. Cridler, with considerable temper, asked him why he WASHINGTON, May 1.—The Washing- had not remained in San Domingo to ton-Boston game was postponed to-day on press the Omanza bridge claim. Mr. Smythe replied that he had pressed it. but it was a matter that would take years adjusting a similar claim, and only concluded it by an ultimatum, backed by a fleet. Mr. Smythe had in a dignified, but more positive manner, informed the President of the republic that the claim must be paid, and he was assured by the latter that when it had been reported upon by his Attorney-General be would enter into negotiations with him. This was all Mr. Smythe could do before he had to leave on account of the yellowfever, and he returned home by permission of the department, in very bad health.

Mr. Smythe called to see Secretary Sherman, who received him very cordially. He informed the Secretary that he was the bearer of a protocol from President Heureaux, of San Domingo, whereby the United States would obtain possession of Samana bay for a coaling and naval station for the United States without the cost of a dollar. This had been General Grant's great dream. He had endeavored to acquire possession of the entire country by purchase, as he regarded the bay as a most important acquisition to this country, in case of a foreign war. Secretary Sherman seemed to be de-lighted at such a successful stroke of diplomacy, and requested Mr. Smythe to make him a full report on the subject as soon as his health would permit. Mr. Smythe replied that he would do so, and the next day left for Asheville, N. C., to recuperate his health. Imagine his surprise, when he found in the mail a few days afterwards a letter from the State Department, accepting his resignation. Of course, Mr. Smythe now declines to give the department the Dominican pro-

It is probable that Secretary Sherman to this day does not know that Mr. Smythe has been relieved, and that a very grave diplomatic blunder has been committed under his very nose and at the outset of his administration. I have whole matter, and have received from Hon. Henry M. Smythe a reply, in which

"In answer to your direct question, and will give you an outline of the unfinished protocol submitted to me by General Heureaux, President of the Dominicar republic, for presentation to my govern-ment as the basis of a new treaty between the two countries. On my arrival Secretary Sherman, because I had not ar ranged the memoranda submitted by President Heureaux, and hastily taken in a note-book on the eve of my depar-ture, and the Secretary, who appeared interested in the matter, suggested that I go home, and after I had recruited my strength, make him a formal report as to the proposed convention and the gene-ral conditions in Haiti and San Domingo. Now, inasmuch as the acceptance of my resignation, tendered the 5th of March, has released me from the obligations of my position, I deem it at least permissible to give you for the press the infor-mation you desire, although I can only surmise the source from which you ac-

"While at Port au Prince in February, I received an official letter from General Heureaux, asking me to visit his capital before returning to this country, to receive an important communication. I was in March instructed to proceed to routine business, and while there the President submitted the memoranda alluded to, in-forming me that General Gili would ne-company me to New York and represent might result from his proposition. first-written memoranda (already pared in the Dominican foreign embraced the following heads and di-visions: Commerce, navigation, extradition, and reciprocity of interest and con-COALING DEPOT.

"Under this last division, at my secon interview, I obtained from the President the concession of a coaling depot for the use of the American navy during the continuance of the treaty, on the sole con-dition that 'coaling facilities' be allowed the Dominican navy in American ports This conling station is to be located at any point in the Bay of Samana, or in either of two fine harbors east of San Caribban Sea. The Domingo, on the Caribbean Sea. The President did not accede to my sugges

amelioration of the import duty on sugar, practically an American industry, and tions. Be the outcome of President Heureaux's desire for closer relations with the United States what it may, there is no more question of his absolute sincerity than there is of his power to carry into

than there is of his power to carry into effect any convention he may make.

"His country, one of the richest in soil on earth, offers exceptional advantages to Americans, who are flocking to it in large numbers. The population does not exceed 750,000, and it is capable of supporting at least 6,000,000, which, I believe is a lower estimate than that of the state of t General Grant, whose dream it was to obtain control of the country by the United States, or at least a coaling sta-United States, or at least a coaling sta-tion in Samana Bay for the American navy, which has hardly a resting place on the face of the deep, and which is now offered without money and without

don't play the game with any degree of liveliness. Shorta isn't playing second bag as he shortd. He was a safe fielder, and his hirting abilities don't make up for his deficiency at the bag. Kain isn't doing as well either, as was expected of him. Barley is a good player, but his stok work is some-

fully consider the obvious advantages of the proposed convention.
"I have the honor to be,

"HENRY M. SMYTHE." STILL ANOTHER.

Old Dominion politics are now a subject of frequent discussion in the hotel lobbies here, and all sorts of possible and impossible combinations of tickets are made and speculated upon with considerable eargestness. The difficulty seems to be how to dispose of the numerous candidates for Attorney-General. In a side-plat with a Southsida Virginia southerses. chat with a Southside Virginia gentleman, who had just participated in one of these nominating conventions, I discovered that he was more interested in the attorneygeneralship than in the other two leading positions on the State ticket. He ing positions on the State taket. He forcibly presented the name of Hon. Walter A. Watson, of Nottoway, ex-State senator, and Commonwealth's-Attorney of the county. He said that Mr. Watson, though a young man, had long identified himself with the Democratic party, and his nomination by the State which he had substantially agreed upon with the Dominican Government, when, the young Democracy. PERSONAL

Judge John Paul, of the United States District Court, Harrisonburg, who has been in the city for several days on business with the Department of Justice. and who, while here called on the Attorney-General, returned home to-day. Colonel C. A. Taylor, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, who has been here, attending a meeting

returned home yesterday.

Mr. Morgan Treat, of West Point, who has been visiting the Post-Office Department in the interest of Republican applicants for fourth-class postmasterships becoming vacant, returned home to day, buying secured the appointment. to-day, having secured the appointment of Marcellas Gatewood, at Ayletts, King William county, Va.
G. Schrier, of Charlotte, N. C., is at

G. Sehrler, of Charlotte, N. C., is at the Hotel Emrich.
S. B. Wood, S. A. Burch, L. Funk-houser, Miss Green and sister, and Miss Strother, J. M. Nouese, A. G. Chapman, A. D. Alley, V. M. Fleming, T. A. Daw-son, Virginia, and W. J. McCee and wife, North Carolina—Howard House, Superintendent J. R. Kenley, of the

Atlantic-Coast Line, who has been here at the meeting of the Southeastern Traffic Association, returned to Wilmington, N. C., yesterday.
H. G. Oliver, Norfolk, Va.; W. G.
Crenshaw and wife, Richmond, Va.; M.

Rose, J. H. Drake, Richmond, Va.; M. Raleigh. F. B. Dewitt, Virginia; J. A. Marshall, Virginia; J. B. Pierce and wife, Virginia; Mrs. A. C. Davis, North Carolina-

W. D. Duke, Richmond, Va.; W. Z. Stutz, Virginia; J. R. McCrary, North Carolina; R. S. Williams, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. Hare, Brandywine, Va.—

Among the speakers invited to address the alumni of the Columbian University at their annual banquet last night was Representative John Lamb, of Richmond, but unfortunately, owing to indisposi-tion, he was unable to be present.

The junior law class of the Columbian University held a banquet at the Riggs House recently, and President B. L. Whitmore, Justice Harlan, Hon, Benjamin Butterworth, and Professors Lodge min Butterworth, and Professors Lodge and Jeffords honored the boys with their presence. The affair was a success, Mr. John W. Wright, president of the class, was toostmaster. Major Fred. G. Handy, formerly of Richmond, responded to the toost, "Our Alma Mater," and Mr. John C. Dabney, of Chatham, Va., to "Class of 1888".

Seed of Seral. Representative Lamb called yesterday upon Superintendents Lilburn T. Myers and Vickery, of the Railway Mail and Delivery Service, in the Post-Office Department, and urged for Richmond the assortment of the mails on postal-cars, assortment of the mails on postur-cars, in order to insure prompt and immediate delivery upon arrival of the trains. The gentlemen said they would do all in their power in that direction, but complained of the crippled condition of the department's finances, and the inadequacy of annual appropriations, which he annual appropriations, and delivery extension of delivery

A new office has been opened at Variety Springs, and the one at Buffalo Gap re established-mail from Ferrall. James Kerr, Jr., is the postmaster at Varlety

SPIDERS DISAPPOINTED.

It poured down rain all day, and there was no base-ball game. The Spiders were was no base-ball game. The spacers were greatly disappointed at not meeting the Georgetown College team, as they were in fine playing condition, and would have given a lively fight for the game. The boys left for home this evening on the 4:40 train—the Atlanta special—and were due in Richmond about 8:20.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loefler, after being royally feasted by their German friends the past two days, left for Philaleiphia this evening.

Among the fourth-class postmasters

imissioned to-day were the following: commissioned to-day were the following:
James F. Williams, at Amherst, Va.;
Drueilla J. Eubank, at Beulahville, Va.;
Annie C. Loving, at Bybee, Va.; Frank
W. Davidson, at Fort Blackmore, Va.;
Thomas H. Martin, at Oakville, Va.; John
C. Turner, at Well W. er, Va., and Edward E. Pugh, at Progress, N. C.
Special service has been discontinued
in Viscipia as follows:

n Virginia as follows: Dorchester, Wise county, from Norton. From June 29, 1897, on Route 15157. Neill, King George county, from Owens. From June 26, 1897, on Route 15156. Ruth, Augusta county, from Spottswood.
From June 39, 1897, on Route 15153.
Tamesa, Franklin county, from Pig
River. From June 39, 1897, on Route 15155.
Star service has been established in Vir-

ginia as follows: Wicomico Church to Harcum's Wharf (n. c.), 4 miles and back, four times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1 hour running time each way. From July 1897, to June 30, 1901.

Bridgewater, by Mossycreek, to Mt. So-lon, 6½ miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1½ hours running time each way. From July 1,

1897, to June 30, 1901.
Aldyl to Vicksville, 4½ miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1% hours running time each not to exceed 1% hours running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1801.

Antelope to Elikton, 2% miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 50 minutes running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1901.

Tamesa to Pig River, 5 miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1 2-3 hours running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1907. each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 20,

Neill to Owens, 41/2 miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 14 hours running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1901.
Dorchester to Norton, 4½ miles and borchester times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1½ hours running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1901.
Ruth to Spottswood, 4½ miles and back.

three times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1½ hours running time each way. From July I, 1897, to June 29, 1901. Napoleon to Swansboro', \$15 miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 2 5-6 hours running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30

Kola to Nettle Ridge, 3½ miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 1 1-6 hours running time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30,3 Tucker, by Taggart, to Arvonia, 12 miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule of not to exceed 2½ hours runding time each way. From July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1901.

The appointment of Mr. John M. Griffin postmaster at Fredericksburg was to-day signed by the Postmaster-General. Postmaster at Cartersville. WASHINGTON, May 1 .- C. A. Brown

OUR DRUMMERS MEET.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE T. P. A. OF VIRGINIA HELD HERE.

## MR. SAUNDERS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Business Session Lasted Four Hours, and Many Matters Were Considered-Major Rawley Submits His Re-

The annual convention of the Virginia Division of the Travellers' Protective Association of America was held here yesterday. The body assembled in the Chamber of Commerce at 10:39 o'clock, and after having been in session for four hours and completed its work, adjourned. Four posts were represented at the convention-Richmond, Petersburg, Danville, and Lynchburg-and about thirty delegates were present.

Major J. W. Rawley, the first vicepresident, presented his annual report, which showed that the association had grown numerically and financially during the past year,

Several other reports were submitted, but none of them were of special importance. The convention concluded its labors by the election of officers for the ensuing year, and honored Mr. C. W. Saunders, of this city, with the office of president.

CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER. In the absence of President Redd, Major J. W. Rawley rapped the conven-



(The Travelling Protective Association's New President.)

tion to order at 10:30 o'clock, in the Assembly Hall of the Chamber of Commerce, and among those in attendance

Post A.-L. W. Davis and V. C. Mat-thews, Norfolk; B. T. Crump, A. B. Clarke, Felix Hessberg, R. S. Christian, C. W. Saunders, Julian Burford, S. Doughty, Manfred Call, J. H. Capers, Jr., Colonel John S. Harmond, Maio, L. Jr., Colonel John S. Harwood, Major J. W. Rawley, R. B. Walthall, Joseph Wal-

Post C, Petersburg-H. P. Stration, C. Alley, R. W. Pritchard, and C. A.

Post D, Lynchburg-Charles Owens. Post E. Danville-William Reinheimer, proxy for O. Wemple; J. F. Rison, J. B. Anderson, and T. W. Helm.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. The first important business before the convention was the report of the president, which was submitted by Major Rawley, and read by the secretary, Mr. George Gibson, Jr., as follows: "Gentlemen, Members of the Travellers"

Protective Association of America: "It becomes my duty as vice-president to this division to call the convention to order for the transaction of such business as may come before it. At our last annual convention we elected Mr. W. P. Redd, of Danville, president of the divi-

"Subsequently his business connections necessitated his removal to New York city; consequently he offered to the State Board his resignation, which was cour Board his resignation, which was conticously declined, with a request that he retain his office and continue his membership with his post at Danville. It then became my duty, as first vice-president, to assume the responsibility of the office, which position I have endeavored to fill as best I could. During the year I have visited the various posts in I have visited the various posts in the State, and am pleased to report the divi-sion in a good, healthy condition. By reference to the report of our secretary and treasurer, you will notice that there has been no material change numerical ly in our membership. While some of the posts have lost in membership, others have gained.
"You will also notice that our financial

condition is much better than ever before. "We to-day have to elect officers for the ensuing year. We have to provide for a representative in our next annual national convention, which will be held in Nashville, Tenn., on the 1st to 4th day of June, inclusive.

"We will have presented for our action at that convention some changes in our constitution, which, while not numerous, are to us of such import as to demand our careful attention here to-day, that our delegation may go to the na tional convention prepared to vote the sentiment of the division. Feeling as I do the importance of our possibilities as a commercial organization, I trust that this body will do its work with discre-OTHER INTERESTING REPORTS.

Major Rawley's report was received with applause, and was, on motion of Mr. Reinhimer, ordered to be spread Secretary and Treasurer George Gib son, Jr., next presented his report, was a brief, but carefully prepared and interesting paper dealing largely with the finances of the association. Mr. Joseph Wallerstein read his report as and Colonel John S. Harwood made a statement relative to the work done last



MR. GEORGE GIBSON, JR. Secretary-Treasurer.)
year by the Legislative Committee, of

year by the Legislative Committee, or which he is chairman.

Mr. John B. Cuipeper, chairman of the Press Committee, read his report, and during its discussion several compliments were paid the Richmond papers.

The treasurer's report was referred to the Board of Directors to be audited.

Mr. William Reinhelmer offered a reso-

lution, which was adopted, declaring against the bill now before Congress abolishing "ticket brokers."

At this juncture the report of the Railroad Committee was discussed. This body had been unable to bring about a 2-cent-a-mile rate on all the roads in Virginia. Only the Seaboard Air-Line had made the concession asked for. Mr. Reinhelmer moved that the Railroad Committee be instructed to follow the line laid down in this respect by the National Convention of the Travellers' Protective Association in 1896, calling for a 2-cent rate. This motion was adopted.

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Mr. R. S. Christian offered a motion, which was agreed to, instructing the State delegates to the National Travellers' Protective Association Convention this year to introduce a proposition in that body to hold the national convention every two years instead of an-nually and to elect the officers for the same period of time. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

After the transaction of some unim-portant routine business officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President-Mr. C. W. Saunders, of Richmond.

Board of Directors-Messrs. R. W.

Mr. William Reinheimer. Chairman of the Railroad Committee-

Mr. Joseph Wallerstein. Chairman of the Press Committee-Chairman of the Free Mr. John B. Culpeper.
Chairman of the Employment Committee—Mr. H. C. Watkins.
The following gentlemen were elected delegates to the National Travellers delegates to the National Convention:
Protective Association Convention:

delegates to the National Travelets
Protective Association Convention:
Messrs, C. A. Epps, of Petersburg, and
A. B. Clarke, John B. Cuipeper, R. W.
Spillman, and R. S. Christian. Messrs.
Joseph Wallerstein and John S. Harwood are also delegates by reason of the
fact that they are national officers.

fact that they are national officers.

A RIDE OVER THE CITY. The secretary here read a letter from Mr. John Skelton Williams, of the Rich-mond Traction Company, inviting the members of the convention to go out to the base-ball game upon a couple of hand-some open cars provided for their trans-portation. The invitation was accepted and a vote of thanks was tendered the and a vote of thanks was tendered the company, as well as to Manager Bradley, of the Richmond Club, who had furnished the delegates with complimentary tickets. There being no ball game, on account of rain, the delegates were taken over all the lines of the Traction Company, a hand of music being Traction Company, a band of music being

3 o'clock.

SCOTLAND NECK.

Looked Forward To With Interest-

Much-Needed Rains. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., May 1.-(Spe cial.)-Dr. John William Jones, of Virginia, will deliver an address here Tuesday evening, May 4th. The occasion will be southern night exercises in Vine-Hill Male Academy. The exercises will be under the auspices of the Alamedon and Colomothan Literary societies. The subject of Dr. Jones's address will be "The ject of Dr. Jones's address will be The Boys in Gray; or, the Private Confede-rate Soldier as I Knew Him; Who He Was; What He Was, and What He Ac-complished." Dr. Jones will also preach on Wednesday (5th). His theme will be "Christ in the Camp; or, Religion in Lee's Army." Dr. Jones's reputation as a great speaker and an earnest preacher precedes him, and if the weather be favorable be will have a fine audience on

and gardens, truck farms, and fields in general have been greatly revived. The lands on the river were getting very hard, and the rain was needed to bring v. cotton. News comes from Miss Pattie Collin's

relatives, in Portsmouth, that she is quite sick. She was formerly a resident of this place. Miss Mary Lawrence, her left this morning to assist in

There is a sort of epidemic here amongst horses; something like catarrhal-fever. WILSON (N. C.) MENTION.

Union, of Wilson, gave another of their delightful bicycle carnivals. This one was the third since last summer, and it was, by far, the best of all. Thirty-nine riders, representing by their costumes as many business-houses of Wilson, entered for the drill, which was a gorgeous scene of splendor and beauty. Five hundred people witnessed the spectacle.

Miss El. Green, representing in costume a pharmacy, and William Bass, representing a furnishing store, won the prizes for the best representations of business enterprises. The receipts, amounting to \$91, will go toward reducting the debt upon the Espirist church. cene of splendor and beauty. Five hun-

mg the debt upon the Baptist church.
The tobacco season has about closed now. The receipts since the 1st of August, have been large, considering the comparative youthfulness of the market. Something over 10,000,000 pounds have been marketed here for the season, which is a good showing for a market that seven years ago scarcely had a begin-

Death of an Able Lawyer. GREENVILLE, N. C., May 1.—(Special.)
Hon. J. H. Blount, who had been critically
ill for some weeks, died at 4 o'clock this
afternoon. He was for twelve years Solicitor of the First District. Two years
ago he moved to Greenville and formed
a law co-partnership with J. L. Fleming.
He ranked with the ablest lawyers of the
State. The burial takes place at Tarboro'
Synday at 3 o'clock.

Alleged Train-Robber Arrested. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., May 1.—(Special.)—Jim Thomas, alleged to be one of the gang who robbed the express-car on a Louisville and Nashville train near Calera, Ala., on March 9th, was arrested near here by the police to-day. A \$300 reward was offered for Thomas's arrest.

Senator Earle III. GREENVILLE, S. C., May 1.—Senator Joseph H. Earle's physician pronounces him to-day seriously ill. He is suffering from kidney troubles, which produce violent headaches, nausea, and restlessness. He cannot sleep without the use of courses.

Exetting Runaway is Columbia.

COLUMBIA, VA., May 1.—(Special.)—
Our little town was unusually excited this evening over a runaway accident. The handsome pair of horses owned and driven by Mr. Philip Stoneman, of Goochland county, took fright at an ox-cart on the street and, overturning the buggy, dashed off with the front part of the vehicle. The team was soon stopped. Mr. Stoneman was thrown out and rendered unconscious for awhile, but it is hoped is not seriously injured.

NORFOLK, VA., May 1.—(Special.)—
Judge Theo. S. Garnett, trustee of Burruss, Son & Co.'s assets, was this afternoon, by his own motion in the Court of Lew and Chancery, appointed receiver of the defunct bank.

liberate Proceeding-Refuses to Die

NORFOLK, VA., May 1 .- (Special.)-The origin of the great fire that swept Portsmouth on the night of March 27th last, destroying St. Paul's Catholic church and thirty-five other buildings, is no longer a mystery. J. Edward Crismond, a citizen of Portsmouth, has told what he knows, and fastens upon himself and Ellis Jobson the responsibility for the Richmond.
First Vice-President—Mr. C. C. Alley.
of Petersburg.
Second Vice-President—Mr. Oriando
Wemple, of Danville.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. George
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. George This proceeding, however, was prevented Pritchard, of Petersburg; Julian Binford, J. W. Rawley, of Richmond; T. W. Helen, of Danville; Felix Hessburg, D. S. Harwood, of Richmond; T. M. Terry, of Lynchburg; S. Doughty, R. S. Christian, of Richmond.

Chairmen of the various standing committees were then chosen as follows:
Chairman of the Hotel Committee—
Mr. William Reinheimer.

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By the counsel for the prosecution introducing Deputy-Sheriff Abbott, who stated that he was sent for by the prisoner yesterday morning, and when he went into the cell, in the city jail, Crismond asked him when he was to be hung, and immediately said he would tell all he knew of the fire.

HIS STORY.

He said that on the night of the fire he, Ellis Jobson, and Charles Cook left Lookins's store at midnight; that Cook proposed that they burn Lookins out that night, but afterwards left them. Crismond and Jobson then went to the Seaboard yards and procured some waste house. This they entered by kicking in a panel of the back door. They split up the panel, and, gathering some paper, piled both in the floor and touched all off. They then ran back in the direction of the Whitehurst-Hall fire and helped subdue the flames.

THE OBJECT A MYSTERY. Crismond refused to state his object in setting fire to the buildings, and this is still a mystery. The Deputy Sheriff afterwards had Crismond repeat the story.

in the presence of Warden Cord, but he on the front car.

The Seaboard Air-Line and the Scully Cigar Company also came in for special votes of thanks.

The convention adjourned sine die at the prisoner was locked up. There are five men (all white) in jail charged with having originated the fire. One of them has made a partial confession, in which

> arrest. The evidence brought out at the preliminary examination was scarcely less conclusive than the confessions. It is said that Crismond's counsel will set up the plea of insanity.

> he said that the right men were under

A Much-Needed Rain-A Big Haul-Personal. FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 1.-(Special.)-A much-needed rain set in here last night, and has fallen gently and steadily since. Country folks in town to-

is growing fast under the revivifying in-Colonel Waller's last haul of his seine at Widewater yesterday was the largest ooth occasions.

Gentle rains have been falling all day.

he has made this season. He saved over a hundred thousand fish. While the season lasts until the 10th of May, he stops operations, because all his stands are

Nothing further has been heard of the eloping couple-Miss Houghton and Mr. Ellington-from Stafford. The friends of the young people were here to-day, but

knew nothing of their whereabouts. There is quite a fight on here between the different aspirants for legislative honors. Commonwealth's-Attorney brey, who was slated for the place, has announced that he will not run, because WILSON (N. C.) MENTION.

A Bicycle Carnival—The Tobacco Market.

WILSON, N. C., May 1.—(Special.)—
Thursday night, in the Centre Brick Warehouse, the Baptist Young People's Warehouse,

A NORFOLK SENSATION .

Growing Out of the Failure of Burruss, Son & Co. NORFOLK, VA., May 1-(Special,)-Something of a sensation was caused in

that W. H. H. Trice, as trustee for H. H.

this city to-day, when it became kn

Trice, had instituted suit against Na-thaniel and Margaret Burruss, his wife, thaniel and Margaret Burruss, his wife, and W. C. Burruss, trustee, to set aside a conveyance of \$1,000,000 worth of real estate in this city from Nathaniel to Margaret Burruss, his wife.

Mr. Burruss is the head of the bankinghouse of Burruss, Son & Co., which falled for \$340,000 this week. Mr. Trice charged that Mr. Burruss assigned about \$150,000 of his worst property to his creditors, and \$1,000,000 worth of the best property in Norfolk to his wife. He alleges that any man familiar with the values will say his wife's property is the best in Norfolk. Mr. Trice's claim against the bank for money deposited amounts to \$3,180.

BETA THETA PI

And Their Proposed Chapter House at the University.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, May L-(Special.)-At the recent meeting of Board of Visitors of the University an assignment of a site within the University grounds was made to the Beta Theta Pl grounds was made to the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, which intends erecting a chapter-house, to cost upwards of \$10,000. The style of architecture will be in harmony with the University buildings, as far as possible, and the location selected is just beyond the symnasium, overlooking the athletic-field. This fraternity, which is the first to inaugurate any active movement of the kind, will, no doubt, find many others working with the same end in view before lons. It is hoped by the University authorities that such will be the case, since a system of chapter-houses adds so much to one's college life.

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, May 1 .- Foreeast for Sunday:
For Virginia, and North Careting-Fair weather in western winds on the coast, becoming northwell Sunday morning.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was rainy throughout the greater part of the day, followed by clear skies at night.